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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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8 SHALAWN BROWN, *et al.*, No. C-11-4822 EMC

9 Plaintiffs,

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11 ROYAL POWER MANAGEMENT INC., *et al.*,

12 Defendants.

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16 **ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS'**
17 **MOTION TO DISMISS FOR LACK OF**
18 **VENUE; AND ORDER TO SHOW**
19 **CAUSE**
20 **(Docket No. 6)**

21 Defendants' motion to dismiss Plaintiff's complaint for lack of venue came on for hearing
22 before the Court on December 2, 2011. Docket No. 6. For the reasons stated on the record, the
23 Court finds that venue is not proper in the Northern District of California and **GRANTS**
24 Defendants' motion to dismiss. The Court transfers this case to the Central District of California.
25 The Clerk of the Court is directed to transfer the case to the Central District of California.

26 The Court also issues this order to show cause. Plaintiffs' counsel failed to provide **any**
27 factual basis to demonstrate that venue was proper in the Northern District of California. Counsel
28 alleged that venue was proper because Plaintiffs were employed in the Northern District by
Defendants' alter ego companies, but Plaintiffs' counsel is unable to identify any individual

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1 employed by Defendants in the Northern District or any of Defendants' alleged alter egos working
2 in the Northern District. Plaintiffs' counsel is ordered to show cause for why counsel should not be
3 sanctioned for failing to conduct a proper pre-investigation as required by Rule 11. A response to
4 this order to show cause must be filed by December 29, 2011.

5 This order disposes of Docket No. 6.

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7 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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9 Dated: December 8, 2011

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EDWARD M. CHEN
United States District Judge